GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:56
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Renovation of Luz Church, Chennai
Senguttuvan Shri Balasubramaniam

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that a famed heritage site in Chennai, the Church of Our Lady of Light, commonly known as Luz Church has completed 500 years of existence and is in urgent need of repairs and renovation;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government for conservation and renovation of the said church;

(c) whether ASI has sanctioned permission for renovation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (d) This church is not a protected monument of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), hence not looked after by the ASI. The essential conservation work of this church is attended by the church authorities for which no permission of ASI is needed. ASI can render technical advice, if requested.